KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INDIVIDUAL SURVEY FORM (KHC 91-1)

COUNTY Lewis
RESOURCE# LW-2
RELATED GROUP #
INTENSIVE DOC.
EVALUATION
DESTROYED

For instructions, see the Kentuc	cky Historic Resources Survey Manual.
1. NAME OF RESOURCE (how determined): 8 / Cabin Creek Covered Bridge	16. PLAN: U first second
2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: KY Hwy. 984, 4.5 mi N.W. of Tollesboro	• third third 17. STYLISTIC INFLUENCE:
3. UTM REFERENCE: Quad. Name: Date: Zone: Easting:////	U / ;
Northing:///////Accuracy:/	18. STYLE DEVELOPMENT:/ first/ second/ third
4. OWNER/ADDRESS: Commonwealth of Kentuck Frankfort, Ky.	y 19. FOUNDATION: TYPE A / Limestone original
5. FIELD RECORDER/AFFILIATION: Andrea Combs/Donna O'Quinn/Univ. of K	3 / Abutment R / Poured Concreplacement
6. DATE RECORDED: 10/16/94	20. PRIMARY WALL MATERIAL: Z / Vertical Board original replacement
7. SPONSOR: Kentucky Heritage Council	21. ROOF CONFIGURATION/COVERING:
8. INITIATION:/	COMPTIGURATION COVERING: COMPTIGURATION G / Gable Front 7 / metal original
9. OTHER DOCUMENTATION/RECOGNITION: X Survey HABS/HAER KY Land Local Land X NR R&C NHL Other: KY D.O.T.	replacement 22. CONDITION: * P / poor in need of major 23. MODIFICATION: * 3 / Building character 24. NEGATIVE FILE #: / /
O. ORIGINAL PRIMARY FUNCTION: 1 /6 /F /	Write resource # on back of all prints.
1. CURRENT PRIMARY FUNCTION: 1 6 E	
2. CONSTRUCTION DATE: 6 / 1867-75 estimated documented	
3. DATE OF MAJOR MODIFICATIONS (specify): * 4 / est. 1914 Arches added	
4. CONSTRUCTION METHOD/MATERIAL: * X / X / Burr Truss original X / X / Arches laminated & subsequent	
114 Ft. Span	

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RESOURCE # LW-2		
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IDENTIFICATION		INTENSIVE
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Item 13
See Item 14 for details.

Item 14
The original construction method was a timber Burr Truss which was built between 1867 and 1875. Subsequently, around 1914, Louis Bower incorporated the use of two laminated arches with steel truss rods along the entire length of the bridge to help support heavier loads. Also, in recent years the steel bracing has been added to keep the bridge from collapsing; further detail in provided in Item 23.

Item 22
Cabin Creek Covered Bridge is in very poor condition and is in need of major repairs. We found several timber members used for bracing to be missing. Some of the structural timber members to be in a state of decay. The roof was in poor condition. But most importantly the entire structure appears to be threatened. Currently the only thing keeping the bridge from collapsing is some steel bracing added to the exterior of the bridge where the laminated wood arch had rotted. This bracing has been successful so far. But this bracing has also added more stress on the remaining structure of the bridge which may eventually cause the bridge to give structurally in another area without added support or major restoration.

Item 23
Although the steel bracing added to the exterior of the bridge to keep it from collapsing has been a success so far, We feel the character of the bridge has been compromised.

Lewis Co./Buffalo Trace ADD (VIII)

City: Tollesboro

Historic: Cabin Creek Covered Bridge

Common: Same

Address: Ky. Highway 984, 4.5 miles northwest of Tollesboro

Listed on N.R: March 26, 1976

Form prepared by: John Johnson, Summer Employee, Kentucky Heritage Commission

Owner: Commonwealth of Kentucky

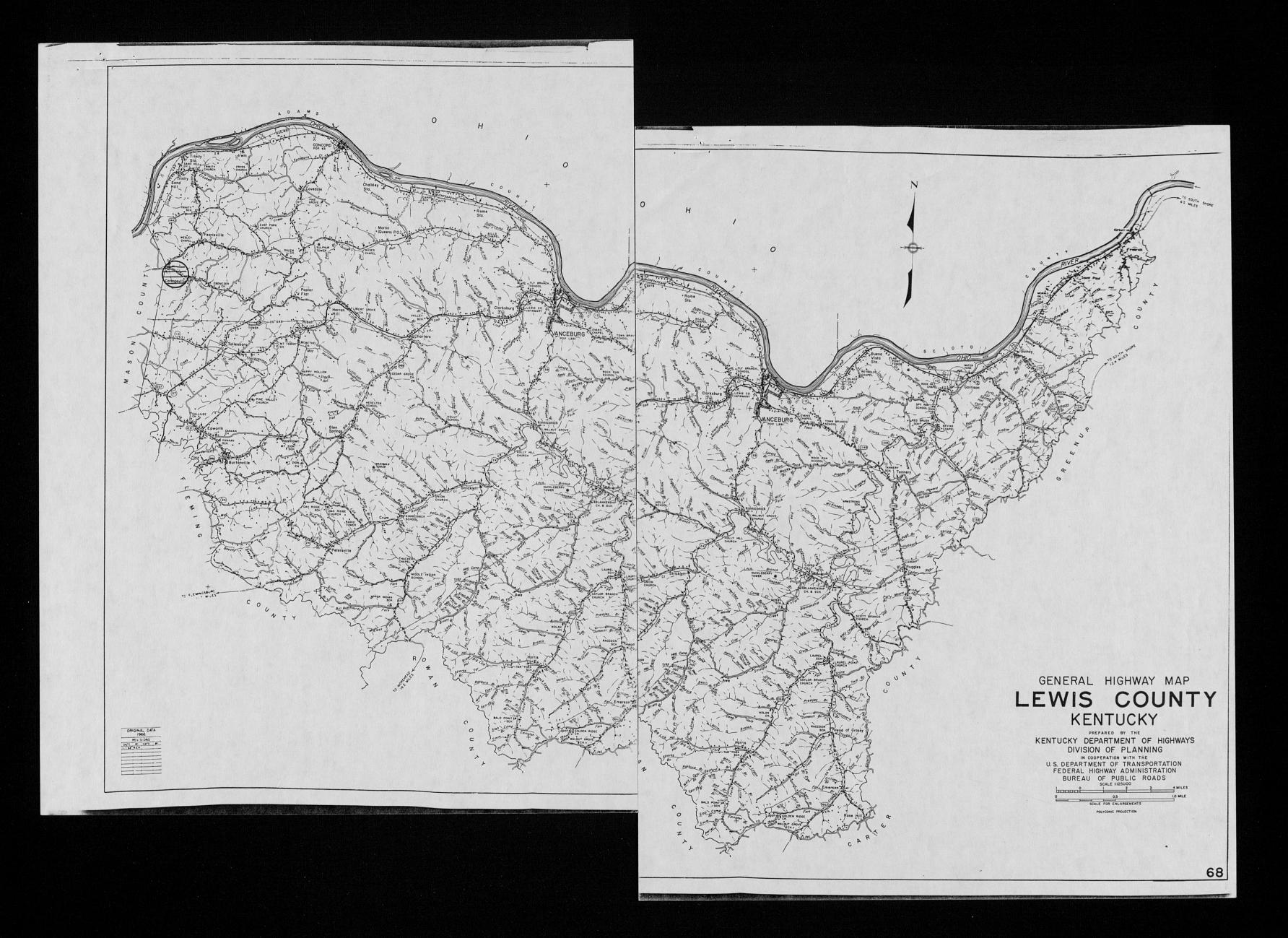
Significance: 1800-1899, Engineering & Transportation

Statement of Significance:

Construction date: circa 1870 Congressional district: 07

Latitude: 38° 36' 13.34"

Longitude: 83° 37' 16.22"





Kentucky Heritage Commission 101 Bridge Street Frankfort, Kentucky 10601

March 22, 1976

Dr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper National Register of Historic Places United States Department of the Interior National Park Service 18th and C Streets, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20240

Attn: Ms. Carol Shull

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Enclosed are National Register of Historic Places nomination forms for the eleven remaining covered bridges in Kentucky that have not yet been listed on the Register. The forms are being returned to you in the same condition they were returned by you to us. We shall send the requested minor technical additions and corrections to you in the near future, as agreed. I appreciate very much your willingness to expedite the processing of these significant nominations.

Sincerely yours,

Eldred W. Welton

Mrs. Eldred W. Melton State Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosures



Kentucky Heritage Commission 104 Bridge Street Frankfort, Kentucky 10601 May 5, 1976

Dr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper National Register of Historic Places National Park Service 18th and C Streets, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Enclosed is the National Register of Historic Places nomination form for Johnson Creek Covered Bridge in Robertson County, Kentucky. This nomination was approved by the Kentucky Historic Preservation Review Board on October 21, 1975.

Also included is supplemental information for the following covered bridges already listed on the National Register.

Goddard "White" Bridge, Fleming County
Hillsboro Covered Bridge, Fleming County
Ringos Mill Covered Bridge, Fleming County
Sherburne Covered Suspension Bridge, Fleming County
Switzer Covered Bridge, Franklin County
Bennett's Mill Covered Bridge, Greenup County
Oldtown Covered Bridge, Greenup County
East Fork Covered Bridge, Lawrence County
Yatesville Covered Bridge, Lawrence County
Cabin Creek Covered Bridge, Lewis County
Lee's Creek Covered Bridge, Mason County
Valley Pike Covered Bridge, Mason County
Mount Zion Covered Bridge, Washington County

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Eldred W. Melton

State Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosures



Kentucky Heritage Commission

401 Wapping Street

Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

July 9, 1975

Dr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper National Register of Historic Places United States Department of the Interior National Park Service 18th and C Streets, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Enclosed are the National Register Nomination Forms for the following covered bridges:

Goddard ("White") Bridge - Fleming County Hillsboro Covered Bridge - Fleming County Ringos Mill Covered Bridge - Fleming County Sherburne Covered Bridge - Fleming County

Bennett's Mill Covered Bridge - Greenup County Oldtown Covered Bridge - Greenup County

East Fork Covered Bridge - Lawrence County Yatesville Covered Bridge - Lawrence County

Cabin Creek Covered Bridge - Lewis County

Lee Creek Covered Bridge - Mason County Valley Pike Covered Bridge - Mason County

Mt. Zion Covered Bridge - Washington County

These nominations were approved by the Kentucky Historic Preservation Review Board on June 10, 1975. As State Historic Preservation Officer, I recommend they be entered on the National Register of Historic Places.

Dr. William J. Murtagh July 9, 1975 Page 2

I make such nominations in response to the spirit of concern expressed by "the Covered Bridge Act," (KRS Chapter 171.381 and 176.255) enacted by the 1974 Kentucky General Assembly.

Your early consideration of these nominations will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Eldred W. Melton

State Historic Preservation Officer

Eldred W. Millon

Enclosures

cc: Kentucky State Department of Highways
Fleming County Department of Highways
Lawrence County Department of Highways
Mason County Department of Highways
Greenup County Department of Highways
Mrs. R. W. Bouldin, Owner
Mrs. E. O. Kelly, Jr., County Representative
Mr. Marvin Suit, County Representative
Mr. James Clark, County Representative
Mrs. Frank Wise, County Representative
Mrs. James Atkinson, County Representative
Dr. John N. Ryan, County Representative

NAME-	OF PROPERTY Cabin	Creek Grened Bridge STATE KY
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Cabin Creek Covered Bridge in Lewis County is located 4.5 miles northwest of Tollesboro on Kentucky Highway 984 about 12.4 miles from the Lewis-Fleming County line.

Its origins are ambiguous, as conflicting dates of 1867 and 1875 are given for its inception and the name of the builder has been lost. Built on the Burr truss design with a laminated arch and truss rods added later, it withstands heavy traffic daily. It has a load rating of four tons, and a clearance of 11 feet, 9 inches, with limestone abutments. Like the Ringos Mill Covered Bridge in Fleming County, the lack of siding under the eaves creates a clerestory effect along its entire length. The incorporation of an arch by Louis Bower in the early 1900s along its entire length required skew backs where the arch meets the abutments. The skews are beginning to rot, endangering the arch. In addition, truss rods were utilized underneath the bridge floor. The entire structure restoration increased the strength by about 40%. Now, however, inadequate maintenance has resulted in deterioration of its reliability.

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Cabin Creek Covered Bridge
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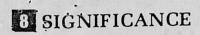
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The Cabin Creek Covered Bridge in Lewis County, constructed about 1867, is 114 feet in length (Allen, p. 47; Kentucky Department of Transportation measurements). The bridge is a Burr truss design. Around 1914 Louis Bower (father of local covered-bridge builder Louis "Stock" Bower) reinforced the structure by adding an arch to each side.

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Longitude: 83° 37' 16.22" Latitude: 38° 36' 34"



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Cabin Creek is believed to have been named for a pioneer log cabin built by one of the first settlers of this region. About 75 yards from the creek and covered bridge, it forms a picturesque setting of backwoods Kentucky.

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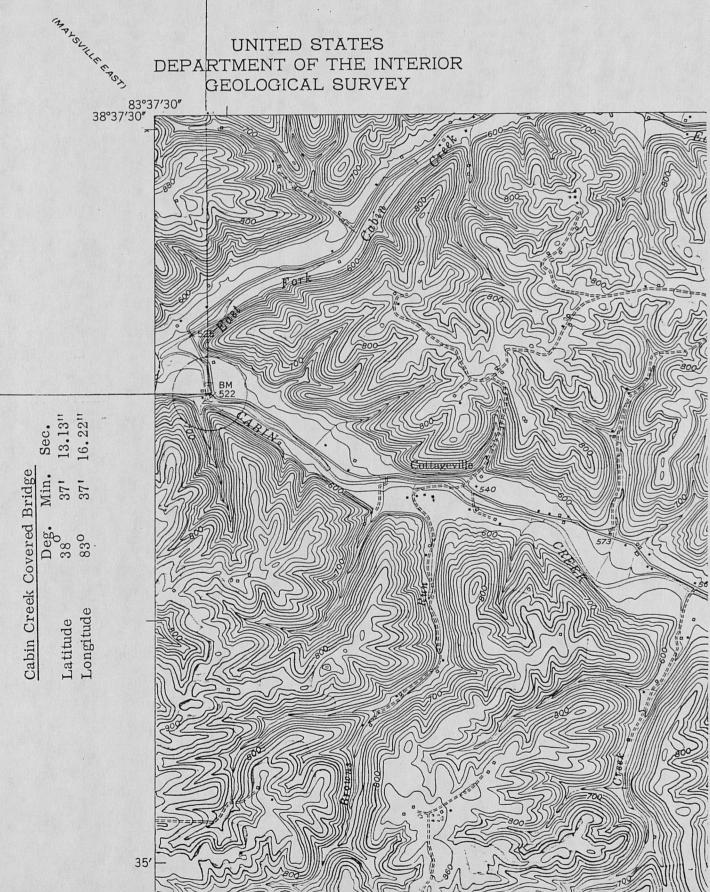
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At one time Kentucky had hundreds of covered bridges spanning her rivers. Just prior to World War II, sixty-five were still standing. By 1952, the numbers had shrunk to thirty-nine. Now only sixteen remain. These sixteen, which represent a variety of structural types, are concentrated in the central and northeast sections of the state in the small communities or rural areas of the state.

Many reasons have been offered to explain the construction of covered bridges in Kentucky during the 19th century. The road across the bridges were kept dry and free of snow in winter. Most important, however, was the protection the covering over the bridges provided against the deterioration of the wood. It permitted the timbered trusses and braces to season properly and kept water out of the joints. The life of the bridge was, therefore, significantly prolonged, averaging, generally seven to eight times that of one left uncovered.

Many of the covered bridges owe their present survival to modern spans constructed nearby that relieve the covered bridges of heavy traffic. Six are now closed to vehicular traffic although, like the others, they are visited by large numbers of tourists. All but one are publicly owned. Few are well maintained and most are in need of immediate repair or restoration if their preservation is to be secured.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



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6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND

7. PHOTOGRAPH YES

3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER
JAMES W. Clark, Teacher Lewis Co, H.S Pa Box 151 Tollesboro, Ky, 41199

JAMES E. JONES Mrs. Boyd HATTISON, Tollesboto.

DATE OF RECORD Nov. 1, 1970









